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DATES: 14  
1794  
To indicate that a child is an ancestor of the family representative.

FAMILY  
GROUP  
RECORD

NAMES: W. John Henry  
W. Wndst., Vrmn  
PLACES: Sha.

**HUSBAND** ROOKER, John Bunyon

Born 25 Apr 1839 Place . . . . . Nxb. Mssp

Chr. Place  
Marr. 7 Mar 1866 Place Heber City, Wstch. Utah  
Died 15 Sep 1908 Place Center Creek, Wstch. Utah  
Bur. 18 Sep 1908 Place

HUSBAND'S FATHER ROOKER, Samuel McRae

HUSBAND'S MOTHER WOOLRIDGE, Permilia Emily

**WIFE** SMITH, Mary Elizabeth

Born 6 Oct 1851 Place Mt. Pisgah, Ptwtm, Iowa

Chr. Place  
Died 22 Oct 1891 Place Heber City, Wstch. Utah

Bur. Place  
WIFE'S FATHER SMITH, Thomas C WIFE'S MOTHER PRAMPTON, Sarah

WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS

SEX M F	CHILDREN List Each Child (Whether Living or Dead) in Order of Birth SURNAME (CAPITALIZED) GIVEN NAMES	WHEN BORN DAY MONTH YEAR	WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE TO WHOM	WHEN DIED DAY MONTH YEAR	WIFE	BAPTIZED (DATE) HUSBAND	ENDOWED (DATE)	SEALED (Date & Temple) WIFE TO HUSBAND
			TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY						
1	F ROOKER, Sarah Emily	24 Dec 1868	Heber City	Wstch	Utah	25 Dec 1889	27 Jan 1927	MUIR, John Lindsey	5 Feb 1858	9 Feb 1858	10 Jun 1965 LC
2 X	F ROOKER, Mary Cahterine	2 Oct 1871	Heber City	Wstch	Utah	4 July 1893	1 Feb 1945	HARRIS, Joseph Dony	17 July 1896	10 Oct 1928	10 Jun 1965 LG
3	M ROOKER, John Samuel	9 Jun 1875	Heber City	Wstch	Utah	12 Jun 1900	12 Feb 1952	WING, Janet Elizabeth	2 Sep 1883	16 Jun 1964	10 Jun 1965 L
4	M ROOKER, James William	20 Jun 1879	Heber City	Wstch	Utah		4 Feb 1958	NUKE, Martha Jane	24 July 1887	1 Sep 1927	10 Jun 1965 LG
5	F ROOKER, Amanda Lavern	26 Jun 1884	Heber City	Wstch	Utah		25 Sep 1957	(1) BLAKE, Joseph	4 Sep 1892	15 Sep 1909	10 Jun 1965 L
6	M ROOKER, Thomas "C"	16 Mar 1888	Heber City	Wstch	Utah		26 Jun 1892		1 Sep 1915	16 Jun 1964	10 Jun 1965 L
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Archives, Salt Lake City, sheet submitted by Grace Durfee, Almo, Idaho  
Personal Information from Melba Egbert, Heyburn, Idaho  
Personal Information from Mary Curl, 1935 Oakley Ave,  
Burley, Idaho

OTHER MARRIAGES

NECESSARY EXPLANATIONS



fort was spent with her daughter Annie who had two sets of twins in two years.

Jane worked in the Primary and also the Relief Society in the various wards where the family lived.

### THE ROOKER FAMILY LINE



Samuel McRae Rooker was born October 5, 1813 at Yorks, South Carolina. His father, Jennings Rooker, immigrated from Ireland. Samuel moved to Mississippi as a young man and married Amelia Woolridge Hundley (her second marriage) on August 5, 1835.

John Bunyon Rooker was born April 25, 1840 in Nuxubee County, Mississippi. A short time later the family moved to Texas after the Mexican-Texas war and took up land. As the tempest began to brew which precipitated the Civil War, Samuel and a few other close friends felt they wanted no part in the fighting; so they sold or gave away their land and slaves and left for the west, having heard of the settling of Oregon, Utah and California. They arrived on Cherry Creek, Colorado, and camped on what is now known as Denver the spring of 1858. They decided to stay for awhile as Mrs. Eleanor Hundley was soon to have a baby. This son, named Jefferson Hundley, is claimed by the family to be the first white child born in the Denver vicinity.

Samuel and his son, John, then a young man of 18 years, built a log cabin and have been credited in official Denver history of building the first house in Denver, then known as Auraria. They were given 16 city lots for this honor.

John, a restless young man, engaged in a bit of poker playing during the summer, became involved in a fight over a card game and when the man, Jack O'Neil, came for John with a gun, John was ready and shot

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and killed him. A trial was held and John was acquitted. After this shooting, the family left and returned to Texas the late summer or early fall of 1858. When leaving they traded their 16 city lots for some horses. They found matters worse than when they left so immediately returned to Denver. A party of six or eight families decided to go west again by wagon and during the early winter went over south pass in Colorado and arrived at a fort in Springville, Utah late in 1858. It was while at Springville that John met his wife-to-be, Mary Elizabeth Smith, born in Pottowetomy County, Iowa, October 6, 1851. They were married at Heber, March 7, 1866.

After checking the land settlement possibilities in the Heber Valley, Samuel decided to go there and was among the first settlers in the old Fort Heber settlement, building a cabin there either the summer of 1859 or spring of 1860. The family moved to Center Creek and Samuel died and was buried there November 16, 1894.

It is regrettable that so little was recorded of the life of Samuel Rooker in the Heber Valley. Even the date of his death has been lost but love for peace and harmony among men made him a good neighbor and a tireless worker for the welfare of his family.

John Rooker joined the Latter-day Saint Church, but was never active. His life was filled with disappointments for his family, as he was a constant user of liquor and spent a great deal of his time gambling. He was, however, an indulgent, kind-hearted and generous husband and father. Perhaps too much so for the good of himself and family. John B. Rooker died at Center while walking home from a visit to his daughter's, Verna R. Blake Allison, home on September 18, 1908. Six children were born of this marriage, John, James, Mary, Sarah, Verna and Thomas.